

**Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
Monday, January 26, 2015 - 6:30 P.M  
Poultney Town Hall**

**Agenda**

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 01/12/15 & 01/19/15
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
  - Residents to talk about the Solar Farm Project
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Budget FY 2015
  - Budget FY 2016
  - Resolution Certificate for Library
  - Declaration of Official Intent
  - Warning 2015 (for FY 2016)
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

**Meeting Minutes**  
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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie and Tom Beatty. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Ron Kelley, Road Foreman; Josephine Williams, Michael Puglisi, Martin VanBuren, Julianne McCarthy, Christine Gamble, Nancy Blair, Ernie DeMatties and Bob Buciak.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jeff King made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 1/12/14. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes 1/19/15 with the note that the unidentified Sherriff be added in the minutes. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment and Concerns:** Several residents again expressed their concern about the pending solar farm that is being proposed behind East Main Street off of WindyWood Acres Road. The Town sent a letter to the Public Service Board stating that the proposed location was not zoned for commercial use. Ernie DeMatties stated that he objected to the process that Certificates of Public Good do not have to consider Town Plans or public citing requests from the community.

Ernie DeMatties, Bob Buciak and Christine Gamble spoke on behalf of the Senior Citizen Center requesting an additional \$ 1,500 for the Young at Heart allocation. Most of the increase is due in rising food costs. The Board acknowledged their request and added the amount in the FY 2016 allocation to the Senior Citizen Center.

**Road Report:**

- 1) The roads continue to be plowed and sanded as required.
- 2) Equipment repairs are made as needed.

**Town Manager's Report:**

1) Copies of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budgets for the General Government, Highway Department and Fire Department were distributed, reviewed and discussed. Jeff King made a motion to approve the General Government Budget in the amount of \$ 1,115,271. This represents an increase in the amount of \$ 23,928 up 2.19 % from the current FY 2015 budget. The largest increases are as follows: \$ 15,000 for the Fire Equipment Replacement Fund, \$ 5,383 for Library Operations, \$ 3,000 for Public Safety Contract services, \$ 2,500 for Records Preservation and \$ 1,500 for the Young at Heart Senior Citizen Center. Rosenthal mentioned that the only part of the budget that he did not have a grasp was the category of Solid Waste. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copies of a publication from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources entitled "Variable Rate Pricing (aka-unit based pricing) Guide and Sample Ordinance were distributed describing the different options Towns will have for paying for Solid

Waste. No decision has been made. Josh Kelley from the Agency of Natural Resources will be present at the Town Informational Meeting on Monday, March 2nd to discuss Act 148 and the requirements for municipalities and Solid Waste Districts must follow.

2) The Highway budget in the amount of \$ 684,588 was presented. The budget represents an increase in the amount of \$ 14,096 (up 2.10 % from the current FY 2015. Discussion followed. The largest increases are as follows: \$ 5,000 for salt, workers compensation insurance in the amount of \$ 4,000 and culverts in the amount of \$ 1,200. Jeff King made a motion to approve the Highway Budget as presented and discussed. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Jeff King made a motion to approve the 2015 Warning for FY 2016. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) The Library Loan Resolution Certificate and the Declaration of Official Intent of the Town of Poultney to Reimburse Certain Expenditures From Proceeds of Indebtedness were presented for review and approval. Discussion followed. Jeff King made a motion to approve the documents as presented. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Copies of the 2015 Warning were distributed, reviewed and discussed. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the Warning as presented. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) The Rutland Regional Planning Commission has informed the Town that it has received Federal funding to assist municipalities with Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Therefore the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th has been canceled.

7) Copies of a Resolution from the Rutland Town Selectboard, previously distributed at the meeting held on the 19th of January was discussed. The Resolution objects to issuing Certificates of Public Good without municipal input. Discussion followed. Tom Beatty made a motion to support the Resolution objecting to the process of the Certificate of Public Good and requests that changes are needed so that municipalities will have meaningful input for siting renewable energy projects. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8) Copies of a letter to the Public Service Board regarding the Petition of Renewable Generation LLC, Group metered project from Town Attorney Neal Vreeland were distributed. The letter refers to the Planning Commissions comments and citations of the Town Plan supporting small scale renewable energy projects and not large scale commercial / industrial size projects.

9) Again, new draft ordinances pertaining to Noise in the Nighttime, Disorderly Conduct and Objectionable Noise were not discussed due to the lateness of the meeting.

**Transact Any and Other Lawful Business:** None at this time.

**Board Orders:** Jeff King made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

**s/Jonas Rosenthal**